

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-5. (Cancelled)**

**6. (Previously presented)** A method for inhibiting formation of a complex between a target protein that interacts with a c-Fos protein and the c-Fos protein, said method comprising:  
introducing a protein into a system containing the c-Fos protein and in which the complex is to be formed, wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of:  
(a) the protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 96;  
(b) the protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 97; and  
(c) the protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 96, including a deletion, substitution or addition of one amino acid residue, and which interacts with the c-Fos protein; and  
(d) the protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 97, including a deletion, substitution or addition of one amino acid residue, and which interacts with the c-Fos protein.

**7-133. (Cancelled)**

**134. (Previously presented)** The method according to claim 6, wherein the protein (a)-(d) is caused to exist in the system.

**135. (New)** A method for inhibiting formation of a complex between a target protein that interacts with a c-Fos protein and the c-Fos protein, said method comprising:

introducing a protein into a system containing the c-Fos protein and in which the complex is to be formed, wherein said protein is selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) the protein encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 160, and which interacts with the c-Fos protein;
- (ii) the protein encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 161, and which interacts with the c-Fos protein;
- (iii) the protein encoded by the nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 160, and which interacts with the c-Fos protein, wherein said stringent conditions comprise a wash in 0.1 X SSC, 0.1% SDS for 15 minutes at 60° C; and
- (iv) the protein encoded by the nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 161, and which interacts with the c-Fos protein, wherein said stringent conditions comprise a wash in 0.1 X SSC, 0.1% SDS for 15 minutes at 60° C.